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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Inventor:	S. Haaks et al.)	Group Art Unit:	2123
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Serial No.:	10/559,865)	Examiner:	N. Laughlin
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Filed:	December 07, 2005)	Conf No.	7446
Title	METHOD AND DEVICE FOR DETERMINING THE CAUSES OF FAILURES IN INDUSTRIAL PROCESSES			

Commissioner For Patents
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

As set forth the Office Action mailed April 16, 2008, the Examiner asserts that the claims include two patentably distinct groups and requires Applicants to select for examination one of the following groups:

Group I	Claim 32, and
Group II	Claims 41-42, and 44-48.

Applicants agree with the Examiner's determination of patentable distinctness between each of the Groups and in response elect, without traverse, to prosecute for examination purposes the patentably distinct invention specified in **Group 2**. However, Applicants urge the Examiner to **carefully reconsider** the patentable distinctness determinations made as set forth in MPEP 806.04(h) and 808.01(a) in regards to the impact on prior art references in future divisional applications.

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Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this paper. The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees due in connection with this paper, including fees for additional claims and terminal disclaimer fee, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

Respectfully submitted,

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